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SUBJ: APARTHEID ITEM IN UNGA

REF: USUN 4608

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT MET WITH GA PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE OCTOBER 25TH ON LATTER'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS FURTHER OAU, ANC AND PAC PARTICIPATION IN THE PLENARY DEBATE OF THE APARTHEID ITEM. NETHERLANDS AMB. VAN UFFORD ALSO ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9. AMERASINGHE INDICATED HE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE OAU, ANC AND PAC TO REFRAIN FROM ASKING TO BE HEARD IN PLENARY. THEY HAD AGREED ONLY TO FOREGO HAVING THEIR FRIENDS PRESS A PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THEM TO SPEAK, AMERASINGHE SHOWED BENNETT A STATEMENT HE, AS PRESIDENT, WOULD MAKE AT THE MORNING MEETING ON 26TH OCTOBER WHEN OPENING THE APARTHEID DEBATE; IT WOULD OBSERVE THAT OAU/ANC/PAC PARTICIPATION WAS TAKING PLACE IN VIEW OF "THE EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS ITEM" AND FACT THAT ORGANIZATION REPS HAD NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD IN A MAIN COMMITTEE.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT OTHERS WHO WOULD BE HEARD IN PLENARY

WOULD BE THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE GA SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID, SWEDISH PERMREP RYDBECK ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA TRUST FUND, THE MAURITIAN PERMREP AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU ON ITS BEHALF, AND THE ANC AND PAC. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE INSISTED THE ANC AND PAC SPEAK AFTER MEMBER STATES BUT NO MEMBER HAD YET SOUGHT TO INSCRIBE TO SPEAK.

2. BENNETT NOTED WE WOULD WANT TO SPEAK TO INDICATED OUR CONCERN AT THE PROLIFERATION OF "SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES" IN WHICH SPEAKERS NOT REPRESENTING MEMBER STATES WERE GIVEN THE FLOOR IN PLENARY (TEXT DATAFAXED HELMAN). VAN UFFORD LIKewise EXPRESSED CONCERN; HE THOUGHT THE EC-9 WOULD SEND A LETTER TO AMERASINGHE BUT WERE UNLIELY TO SPEAK. AMERASINGHE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT OUR PROPOSED STATEMENT WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A FORMAL CHALLENGE TO HIS RULING.  
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